

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 4-11 and 14-22 as amended remain in the case, and claims 1 and 8 are presented for consideration.

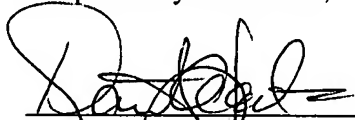
The Specification has been amended at pages 1 and 2, to delete reference to hyperlinks and/ or browser executable code, as requested by the Examiner. Also, the entire specification has been reviewed for other instances of use of such notations, however none were found. Applicants submit that the amendments presented above are curative of the objections to the specification and withdrawal thereof is requested.

The Claims have been amended to cure the informalities raised by the examiner, and to emphasize their patentability over the references. Accordingly, claims 1 and 8 have been amended to focus on SEC14 derived from *Candida albicans*, claims 2 and 3 have been deleted, and the limitations of claim 4 have been embodied in claim 8, so that the latter claim is now independent. To the extent that the amendments render these rejections moot or overcome, withdrawal thereof is requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 8 have been rejected under a variety of grounds under 35 USC §102, with respect to Skinner et al., Daum et al. and Bankaitis et al. Each of the respective references differs somewhat from the other although they are all drawn to SEC14 derived from the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Claims 1 and 8 (claim 2 has been cancelled) now direct themselves to a particular screening method with respect to SEC14 derived from *Candida albicans*, and as such are not anticipated by references focused on a differing species. Moreover, the claims as amended no longer extend across species or encompass fragments or other variants, and as such, cannot be directly taken from a review of the cited references. On this basis, applicants believe that the rejections, as they may be based upon Skinner et al., Daum et al. and Bankaitis et al. are no longer applicable, and must be withdrawn. Moreover, there exists no suggestion from these references that the particular proteins now recited in the claims would be useful or that the use now presented herein in the revised method claims would be obvious to the skilled artisan.

Accordingly, applicants submit that the present method claims as amended are definite, fully supported by the specification as filed, possessing full written descriptive basis therein, and moreover are patentably distinguishable from any of the teachings that could be directly taken or inferred from a consideration of the references of record. Thus, applicants urge that the present claims as amended are entitled to allowance and such early and favorable action is therefore courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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